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Entitled: **METHOD FOR EVALUATING AND TREATING HYPERTENSION**

☒ This application is a Continuation of prior application No. 09/860,199, Examiner Natnithithadhan N.,  
 Group Art Unit 3736

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 49 sheets of specification and 0 sheet(s) of drawing(s).  
☐ Petition for three-month extension of time  
☒ Preliminary Amendment  
☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27.  
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